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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: NOVEMBER 16, 1973 NAC

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1. AT NOVEMBER 16 COUNCIL MEETING, SYG LUNS REFERRED TO ARTICLE VII OF 1951 DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND TO THE ONGOING BASE NEGOTIATIONS. IT OCCURRED TO LUNS THAT SEPTEMBER 12 COUNCIL ACTION ON MILITARY COMMITTEE ASSESSMENT OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF ICELAND DID NOT EXHAUST COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER ARTICLE VII. LUNS THOUGHT THE COUNCIL SHOULD SOON CONSIDER WHAT FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS IF ANY SHOULD BE MADE TO THE TWO PARTIES ENGAGED IN THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. HE THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT PERMREPS SEEK INSTRUCTIONS FOR NAC DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. MISSION REQUESTS DEPT INSTRUCTIONS ON THREE POINTS: A) KEEPING LUNS AND THE COUNCIL INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS. MISSION SUGGESTS THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN COORDINATION WITH THE ICELANDIC DELEGATION; B) THE ROLE IF ANY THE COUNCIL COULD USEFULLY PLAY ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED BY LUNS. MISSION CONFIDENTIAL

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RECOGNIZES IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE FOR COUNCIL TO STAY OUT OF THE MATTER AT THIS TIME, BUT SINCE THAT NOT THE CASE PERHAPS WITH DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE MISSION COULD EDUCE SOME USEFUL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS; AND C) NEW PRESS GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT

NATO AND USNATO PRESS SPOKESMEN MIGHT USEFULLY SAY ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIME. DEPT WILL HAVE NOTED THAT PRESS REPORTS ABOUT CURRENT ROUND OF IDF NEGOTIATIONS HAVE OVERTAKEN PRESS GUIDANCE IN REFTEL.

3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF GUIDANCE ON THESE THREE POINTS COULD BE IN HAND FOR NOVEMBER 21 NAC.
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